

Conditions crossing Carson Sink similar to those on Great Salt Lake Desert, altho Fallon Fill was passable, but very rough and dusty. In camp S.P.U. repaired leaks in two Class B radiators and new clutch, clutch collar and bearing were installed in Mack truck. Fair and hot. Fair sandy roads. Made 66 miles in 9½ hrs. Arrived Fallon, Nevada, 4 p.m.

Aug. 30

Departed Fallon, 6:30 a.m. Followed direct road to Carson City, via the Lahontan Dam. Heavy trucks had some difficulty in getting through soft sand holes about 2 miles west of camp. Five or more trucks were chained together and men not driving helped by pushing. Delay 1½ hr. White Reconnaissance Car #111505 had to replace spark plug on account broken porcelain. Required 11 hrs. to move Convoy from Fallon to a point 12 mi. west, on account several stretches of unstable, dry sand up to 1½' deep and wet quicksand. All heavy vehicles, including Cadillacs had to be pulled and pushed through by combined efforts of Tractor and men, over wheel paths made of sage brush. Two Class B tankers sank to a depth of 5' in sand, requiring extensive excavation and construction of false work of railroad ties to aid Tractor in rescue. Dodge Light Delivery #26991 broke generator drive chain, damaging oil pump drive. One small bridge broke down. Convoy met by Gov. Boyle, etc. Chicken dinner. Co. E arrived 11 p.m. Fair and warm. Poor gravel roads. Made 66 miles in 20 hrs. Arrived Carson City, Nevada, 2:30 a.m. (31st)



Aug. 31

Carson City, Sunday rest period. Tractor towing Mack with bad clutch, arrived 11:30 a.m. after resting on road until daylight. Inspected and adjusted equipment. Changed several tires, pressing done at Reno. Transportation provided and personnel taken to Hot Springs for bathing. Union religious services held at camp on Capitol grounds, at which Gov. Boyle made address of welcome. At officers' meeting instructions were given relative to operation precautions to be taken on King's Grade climb tomorrow. Fair and warm.

Sept. 1-

Departed Carson City 6:30 a.m. Convoy arranged with heaviest vehicles in lead. Temporary control established at base of King's Grade for inspection of steering gears, brakes, tow chains and wheel blocks, also for spacing vehicles 100 yds. apart. Full supply of gasoline oil and water verified. Experienced drivers only allowed to drive and one man on each vehicle stood ready to block the wheels at each halt. All passengers required to be on the alert for any emergency. Nevada State Highway Dept. suspended all eastbound traffic from 6:30 a.m. until after Convoy had crossed the Sierras. Motorcycle riders